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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Applicants hereby request continued examination of the above-captioned application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. The application is a non-provisional application that was filed on or after June 8, 1995.

This request is being submitted after the filing of a Notice of Appeal and thus is to be considered as a request to withdraw the appeal and to reopen prosecution. Enclosed is a reply to Examiner's Action that is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed on November 5, 2002, an Information Disclosure Statement, a form PTO-1449, and cited

references (Exhibits).

Enclosed is a check for \$385.00 in payment of the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) for this Request for Continued Examination. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$740.00 for the fee required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(4) for the Petition for Extension of Time.

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